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TAGS: GATT, ETRD, FR, EC

SUBJECT: VIEWS OF FRENCH OFFICIALS ON MTN

1. VISIT OF GLITMAN, ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY, PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MTN WITH BRUNET, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, AND DE MOREL, DIRECTOR OF DREE. GLITMAN BROUGHT FRENCH OFFICIALS UP TO DATE ON STATUS OF TRADE BILL AND REVIEWED U.S. THINKING ON PROBLEM OF ACCESS TO RAW MATERIALS.

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2. BRUNET, RECALLING FRENCH SENSITIVITY TO NEGOTIATING REDUCTION OF TARIFF BARRIERS IN TIME OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY DISORDER, SAID THAT, WHILE MONETARY SITUATION WAS "STILL A MESS," FRANCE WAS STILL PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE MTN. HE SAID HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY IN AGREEMENT WITH GLITMAN'S STATEMENT THAT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE GATT COMMITTEES BUSY ON PREPARATORY WORK. HE THOUGHT IT WAS MOOT WHETHER "INSTILLING ARTIFICIAL LIFE" IN THE GATT COMMITTEES WOULD REALLY HELP MAINTAIN MOMENTUM. THE REAL MOMENTUM WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE CONGRESS. IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE TO THE FRENCH WHETHER THE TRADE BILL WAS PASSED IN OCTOBER OR IN FEBRUARY. WHENEVER IT WAS PASSED, NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BEGIN. HE ADDED THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN HE WAS OPPOSED TO KEEPING THE GATT COMMITTEES AT WORK. HE MERELY THOUGHT THAT MAINTAINING MOMENTUM WAS NOT REALLY A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM.

3. BRUNET SAID HE BELIEVED WE SHOULD TAKE JUST AS TOUGH A LINE ON RESTRICTIONS OF RAW MATERIAL EXPORTS AS ON IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. GLITMAN ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT HE FAVORED SANCTIONS (I.E., COMPENSATION OR RETALIATION) AGAINST COUNTRIES IMPOSING EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ALONG THE LINES OF THE SANCTIONS PROVIDED BY GATT RULES FOR COUNTRIES WHICH OPPOSED ILLEGAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. WITHOUT DIRECTLY ANSWERING THIS QUESTION, BRUNET SAID IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PREVENT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM IMPOSING EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, BUT HE BELIEVED WE SHOULD BE AS TOUGH AS WE COULD BE ON RICH COUNTRIES (CANADA AND AUSTRALIA) WHICH DID THIS.

4. DE MOREL CONFIRMED BRUNET'S STATEMENT ON GOF'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO MTN. HE SAID GISCARD HAD SPECIFICALLY APPROVED THIS POSITION WHEN HE WAS FINANCE MINISTER (PARIS 8840) AND THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT GISCARD'S VIEWS WOULD HAVE CHANGED SINCE HE BECAME PRESIDENT.  
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